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Minutes of PYM Executive Committee

PYM's Executive Committee met on Saturday, March 2, 1974 in San Francisco at the San Francisco Meetinghouse. At least thirty-three Friends from throughout the Yearly Meeting gathered to make and hear reports of activities concerning the Yearly Meeting. Plans for PYM, to be held again this year at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, were presented and discussed, with Friends sharing lunch together. The luncheon meal was provided by members of San Francisco Meeting, as was the largest share of sleeping hospitality. The following Minutes were presented for approval of the Committee by various other Committees and Subcommittees of PYM:

1974.ExC.1. Restructuring of the Bulletin Committee. "The Bulletin Committee shall consist of nine members; six from the geographic areas served and three from the immediate area of the Editor. The Committee shall make policy and solve problems as specified in Faith and Practice. Members shall be Friends, active in Meetings, able to encourage contributions, themselves to serve as correspondents and contributors. Terms shall be three years, overlapping, with three appointments to be made each year. The three members in close proximity to the Editor will in addition serve as working members to assist the Editor in production of the Bulletin. *Tentatively Approved,* pending further proposals from Nominating Committee on structure of the Committee.

1974.ExC.2. (Regarding whether PYM should continue to send a representative to FCNL) Wait for a report from the present FCNL representative, and refer to Nominating Committee its recommendation for two representatives with two-year overlapping terms. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.3. We will have two Recording Clerks for PYM, beginning this year, 1974. Each will record alternate sessions. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.4. Anna James will serve as PYM Representative to Friends World Committee, to replace Margaret Jump, who resigned. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.5. Pat Brown will serve as Clerk of the Committee on Junior Yearly Meeting. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.6. The Historian-Archivist will serve ex officio on the Discipline Committee. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.7. PYM will underwrite the publication of "At Time of Death", printing of which will cost around $600 for 1,000 copies in a format similar to *Faith and Practice.* (The booklet has been prepared over the last two years by members of M&O, and was edited and compiled by Margaret Brooks during the past year.) This action is not a precedent for further publications. M&O is encouraged to continue the readying of the paper on homosexuality and may investigate Pendle Hill and other avenues for possible publication of that and other papers. There is a moratorium on further PYM publications until the general session has had an opportunity to discuss a PYM publication policy. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.8. Creation of sharing groups which are open (only) to those to whom they are addressed. This is a new departure for us, and it will require education in Yearly Meeting by M&O and by all of Executive Committee as it has required education of members of these committees. M&O and YM will evaluate what is now a recognized part of our life in Yearly Meeting. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.9. M&O recommended PYM's endorsement of the Theology Conference to be held at John Woolman School in the summer of 1974 and a request for up to $350 for resource leadership. *Not Approved.*

1974.ExC.10. M&O requested an additional $100 for the budget of the committee. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.11. A request from M&O in response to an explanatory approach from Friends General Conference to consider hosting FGC here on the West Coast. (M&O brought no recommendation on this request.) *Not Approved.*

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1974.ExC.12. M&O should refer the subject of nude swimming to the Agenda Review Committee. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.13. M&O requested the establishment of a Subcommittee (Ad Hoc) on the issues, concerns and ministry of women's sharing, with Subcommittee members and convenors to be appointed by Nominating Committee. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.14. M&O requested that room and board at PYM be provided for Robert and Margaret Blood who will serve as resource persons at PYM, although it was pointed out that this is pointing in the direction of subsidizing leaders. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.15. The Executive Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends urges that the House of Representatives immediately initiate impeachment proceedings against President Nixon, which will not prejudge his guilt, but will allow a fair and full trial by the Senate. For the sake of our people, our system of government, and for the Presidency itself, the myriad charges which have arisen must be fully and legally resolved in the light of truth. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.16. A proposed PYM Junior High hike, suggested by the Schools Committee, was referred for exploration by the Education Committee. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.17. It was approved to recommend to Yearly Meeting the establishment of trusts to which people may donate at the request of monthly meetings with provisions for life income to the donor, such trusts to be administered by PYM Holding Corporation. This was per the request delivered to Executive Committee by the Holding Corporation. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.18. Executive Committee approved the Agenda Review Committee as a standing ex officio committee consisting of: Assistant Clerk (who clerks this committee), Clerk, and the Clerks of M&O, Young Friends, and Junior Yearly Meeting. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.19. It was approved that Robert Young and Frank Burnham negotiate the contract for PYM facilities with St. Mary's further, with the Clerk of PYM signing upon their advice. *Approved.* (This action was recommended by the Registrars due to a need for clearer understandings about camping, the Brick Pile, and other facilities.)

1974.ExC.20. Executive Committee approved raising the PYM costs-to-attenders schedule not more than 10% above last year's schedule. This will make it $12 per day for dormitory and meals for individuals, $27.50 for meals only for five days. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.21. The line for Monthly Meeting Clerks' signatures will remain on the PYM registration forms, above which will be a short statement prepared by the Clerk of YM and the Registrar signifying what the signature is for, and the forms will be accompanied by a letter explaining that Meetings can designate responsible persons other than the Clerk to sign. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.22. The Agenda Review Committee will review all and schedule some requests for Interest and Sharing Groups received by the evening of the first day of YM (Tuesday this year). Any requests received after that time will be called simply "meetings on subjects" and will not be scheduled at interest group and sharing group times; they may be scheduled at any other time. Legitimate requests arise through Monthly Meetings, Committee Meetings, Meetings at YM including plenary sessions. A Form will be prepared which will ask for information as to leadership, scope of subject, equipment needs, etc. Each group will be asked to prepare a half-page summary of Minutes, to be included with YM Minutes, and which may be published in the Bulletin. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.23. A proposed project to prepare a YM Directory of members of all Monthly Meetings was referred to the following ad hoc committee: Robert Vogel, Betty Draper, Barbara Perry, and either Frances Woodson or Charles Swift. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.24. The Women's Subcommittee (see 1974.Exc.13) will have co-convenors Billie Hamilton and Sue Brune (if the latter agrees). *Approved.*

1974.ExC.25. The Social Order Committee shall consist of 9 members-at-large appointed for three-year overlapping terms (three each year). *Approved.*

1974.ExC.26. An ad hoc committee of four members, one of whom shall be named convenor, shall be named by Executive Committee in March to serve as the Committee to name the Nominating Committee, and also the Clerk, who shall be one of those serving her/his second year, which recommendations shall be made to Representative Committee no later than its third session at YM. The Representative Committee is to recommend the names which it approves to plenary session of the Yearly Meeting. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.27. The following names were approved to this ad hoc committee for this year: Peggy Spear, convenor, Sandra Farley, Ellie Foster, Ed Janoe; alternates, in order: John Salyer, Ken Morgan. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.28. We will send Ed Sanders as our

Willamette Quarter

Over sixty people from the four Meetings of the Willamette Quarterly Meeting gathered at the Multnomah Meetinghouse on Saturday, February 2, 1974, for Worship, Business, group sessions and a shared meal in the evening. The evening ended with a delightful informative report by Mildred Kane on her AFSC two-year appointment as a co-supervisor of day care centers in the Gaza Strip. We were happy to have Jim and Caroline Estes and five of the young people living with them at Alpha Farm with us.

Reports from Meetings included: Search and Discovery weekend retreat, planned by M&O of Quarterly Meeting and held at Tilikum near Newberg termed a fruitful experience for the 16 attenders—so much so that more such should be planned . . . Eugene: Lois Barton scheduled to go on a Peace Mission around the world with forty United Church Women—agreed to support David Anderson as a "missionary of non-violence" in Japan, requested by Japanese students at University of Oregon—Corvallis hopes to increase fellowship by meetings of groups during the week. . . . Salem Friends find Meeting on Sunday only possible since so many live far afield . . . a dynamic discussion hour follows Worship under the leadership of Frances Poynter. . . . New people are finding their way to the YWCA where the peripatetic Salem Meeting has now stopped . . . the wedding of Stephen Holmes, son of the Clerk, and Friederun Rethemeier, both of whom came over from Germany, occurred during the Meeting for Worship on January 30.

Reports on AFSC Peace efforts and on other projects were given, followed by the Junior Friends presenting their concern that all assembled should consider how to again achieve a community feeling among Junior Friends.

One left the Meeting after a full day, grateful for the opportunity to be with concerned Friends in Worship and in the other sessions.

MILDRED COWGER, *Reporter*
Willamette Quarterly

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representative to the Friends General Session of Mexico, September 14, 15, and 16, 1974. *Approved.*

1974.ExC.29. We will send two representatives (in addition to Ferner Nuhn, who will be there anyway) at the cost of one (we will look for one who can pay his/her own way) to the national Faith and Life Conference to be held at Indianapolis on Columbus Day weekend. A Young Friend was urged. These will be named by Ministry and Oversight. *Approved.*

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North Pacific Yearly Meeting

The annual sessions of North Pacific Yearly Meeting will be held at the Fort Worden Conference Center near Port Townsend, Washington, from July 11 through July 14, 1974. The new site on the Olympic Peninsula was chosen by the Steering Committee after an extensive review of several factors including costs, facilities for living, meeting and recreation, and transportation. The Registrar for the sessions is Mildred Burck of Corvallis Meeting.

A schedule of the Meeting sessions and programs for Junior Friends and Children's activities is expected to be announced in mid-May. In addition to the business sessions, it is anticipated that a number of interest groups will develop during the course of the meetings, some around topics to be suggested in advance, others possibly will arise spontaneously.

Fort Worden, built in the late 1890's as the headquarters for the Harbor Defenses of Puget Sound, is now a state park and is being converted into a Conference Center. As in nearby Port Townsend, there are numerous examples of extraordinary Victorian architecture, both military and civil. The Park commands spectacular views of Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca and has both forested areas and extensive beaches.

Attenders of the Yearly Meeting may reserve comfortable dormitory accommodations with meals in the dining hall. Fifty new campsites on the beach about a ten minute walk from the Meeting Rooms are available but cannot be reserved. A limited number of rooms in the Victorian officers houses will be available on a first-come basis, with or without meals. For further information please contact:

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Intermountain Friends Fellowship

Important Note: The date of the Fellowship Conference has been moved ahead of the date originally announced in the Bulletin. Those who are interested should plan to attend during the dates currently listed on the last page of this Bulletin under the heading "Gatherings—1974."

Registration is now under way. It should be completed before May 24, 1974. Registration is $2.00 per single individual and $3.00 per couple or family unit. (Fee covers postage, telephone, child care, craft materials, etc.)

The Conference will be held at the Ghost Ranch Conference Center, Abiquiu, New Mexico, Conference opens with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on June 6 and ends after the noon meal on June 9. (The center operates on Mountain *Standard* Time.)

Ranch fees are $27.75 per person for the full session; $13.88 for children 9 and under. For further information, or registration write to: Dorothy Aldrich, Treasurer, 6998 W. 48th Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033; Phone: (303) 422-5343, or call Mary Bates, Registrar: (303) 493-2945. Both will be leaving Denver early the first week of June, so get your information and register early.

Impeachment Minute

Delta Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), which includes members living in the Modesto-Stockton-Tracy area and three foothill towns, asks its elected representatives in Congress to expedite the process of impeachment of Richard M. Nixon. He himself has said that he is ultimately responsible for the acts of his administration and it is time he was held accountable. Public morality in the federal government is a *sine qua non* of our democratic system. But truth and integrity have been betrayed for the sake of the personal power of one man. The increasing loss of trust in the processes of government has induced a public mood of alienation and almost of hopelessness. We urge a speedy and full inquiry in order to restore truth and to serve the public interest.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
28TH PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA
Moraga, California

August 13 - 17, 1974
Representative Committee, August 12, 1974

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The Registration Form again this year is designed to be separated from the *Bulletin* so that the instructions and information about this year's PYM is left for reference.

School Grade, age, and sex are solicited so that statistical reports may be prepared, and so that a variety in assignment of attenders to Early Morning Programs may be attained. This information is also used in the selection of room-mates for those sharing a room with a non-family member. Your indulgence in providing this information is earnestly solicted. It is also used for placement of young attenders in an appropriate youth program.

Early Morning Programs meet from 8:30 A. M. to 9:45 A. M. daily. Worship Fellowship Groups combine discussion with silent worship. Unprogrammed Worship is a daily silent meeting. Junior High Dialog is designed for students who will be in grades 7 through 9 in September 1974. Junior High students may sign up for other Early Morning Programs, but other age groups may not attend Junior High Dialog except as a group leader. It is important that you indicate your preference of a group when you send in your registration so that the groups may be made up before your arrival at Yearly Meeting.

Youth Program Assignments are made on the basis of school grade in September 1974. All students registering will be placed in a program appropriate to that grade unless the parent indicates an exception in the place provided on the Registration Form. Those below the sixth grade will be placed in a children's program; those in grades 6 thru 9 will be placed in a Junior High Program; those in grades 9 thru 12 will be placed in the High School Program; and those under the first grade will be place in childcare. Please note that a student entering the ninth grade may choose between the Junior High Program and the High School Program. Place a check mark in the column selecting the program which you desire your child to be in. In the event that no selection is made, the student will be placed in the Junior High Program.

Pysical Accomodations are identical to prior years at Saint Mary's College. Dormitory rooms and camping will be available. All dormitories except Justin and Mitty have room combinations with commecting bath. Most rooms have two beds in them, a few have more, and there are a few single bed rooms. Camping will be in three areas: those with small children will be located in the area between Mitty, Justin, and Aquinas; those with camper units or trailers will be on the hardstand above Beckett; all others may camp in the trees north of Justin Hall. Blankets will be provided for those in dormitory rooms as well as sheets, pillow casea and towels. It is recommeded that you avail yourselves of theses services rather than bringing your own bed linens.

The High School Dormitory will be the ground floor of Justin Hall. Dorm monitors will be assigned to the High School Dorm on the basis of one monitor for every ten high school dorm registrants. Only those who will be in grades 10 thru 12 in September may elect assignment of rooms in the High School Dormitory.

Meals will be provided by SAGA Food Service and served in the College Dining Commons. Arrangements have been worked out with the SAGA manager so that those who are not buying meals may bring their own food into the dining hall for fellowship with friends for the noon meal only. The same food manager as last year is with SAGA, and assures us that vegetarian meals will be provided. The full increase in food costs is not reflected in the slight change to meal costs this year. There may be fewer entrés at noon and evening meals to balance unpredictable food costs to SAGA in order for him to provide economical dining for us. The most economical way to purchase meals is the full four or five-day meal packet.

Charges are based on either the 5-day period beginning with supper on August 12 through lunch August 17; or for the 4-day period beginning with supper on August 13 and ending with lunch on August 17, 1974. Charges consist of registration fee, and either camping or room and board charges.

Registration Fee is $1.00 for children age four thru grade 2. All others, except Junior Friends, will be charged a $3.00 registration fee. Junior Friends Meeting has requested an additional $5.00 fee be requested from Junior Friends. This fee will be used to help with the costs of the Junior Friends Program. It is requested that this be mailed in when you send the Registration Form. If a Junior Friend cannot afford this fee, only the $3.00 registration fee will be assessed. Please indicate to the registrar if you cannot pay this voluntary fee. No fees of any kind will be charged children under age four.

Camping Charges reflect an increased charge by Saint Mary's College for use of the facilities. The fees this year will be $6.00 per person to a maximum of $25.00 per family group regardless of length of stay. Campers may not arrive earlier than August 12 and may not remain after August 17.

Room and Board for registrants attending for five days is $55.00 for children age four through 12, and $60.00 for all althers to a family masimum of $275.00. For those attending for four days the rate is $44.00 for children age four through age 12, and $48.00 for all other to a family maximum of $220.00. Sponsored Junior Friends may not be counted as a part of the family maximum. Registration fees are additional and are not included when computing the family maximum. Rates reflect a ten per-cent increase over last year.

Campers and Day Attenders may purchase meals for the entire period at the rate of $27.50 for five days and $22.00 for four days. A day attender is an individual who does not stay at the College overnight, but commutes daily to Yearly Meeting. Individual meals may be purchased in advance at the following rates:- Breakfast - $1.65, Lunch - $2.20 and Supper - $3.30. Day Attenders are required to register in advance as are other attenders.

Pets of any kind will not be permitted on the College campus. If your plans make it necessary to bring a pet to PYM, so indicate on the Registration Form, and arrangements will be made at a local boarding kennel for your pet, at your expense.

A Medical Release is required for every attender under age 18 not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. A form is available from the clerks of monthly meetings and should accompany the registration.

Start Filling Out The Registration Form on the side with the PYM heading. Provide the name and mailing address of someone in the group who will receive mail for the family or group. Provide an emergency address and telephone number which will be used only in the event of a serious illness of accident during Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Under travel and transportation tell us when you will arrive and leave, and how you plan to travel. If you need to be met at a transportation terminal fill in the space, or attache separate details. Tell us what you want in the way of meals even though it would appear to be clear on the other side of the form. There are two places in which you may volunteer to help; in one of the spaces under VOLUNTEER SERVICES of in the COOPERATIVE NURSERY block. If you are contributing to the Nursery, write the amount in that block. We have tried to anticipate you special needs, but have also left two blank lines for additional thoughts, such as volunteering for High School Dorm Monitor.

Complete the reverse side of the Registration From even though there is some duplication from the front side. Please provide ages and sex so that we may better serve you. When completed, give the form and your check to the Clerk of your meeting.

A Deposit equal to the registration fee for each registrant is expected with each Registration Form received. Junior Friends fees should also be added. As soon as the Form is received, charges will be firgured, and a confirming assessment sheet sent to you. This will let you know that we have your registration, understand what you want, and tell you the amount expected upon final registration. If we are wrong it can all be cleared up before you arrive at PYM. A late fee of 10% will be assessed for all registrations having a postmark later than July 10, 1974. Refunds will be made promptly to those finding it necessary to cancel a registration.

MAILING INFORMATION

Name	
Street Address	
City, State & ZIP	
Telephone Number, Include Area Code	
Meeting Affiliation	

EMERGENCY ADDRESS

Name	
Street Address	
City, State & ZIP	
Telephone Number, Include Area Code	

TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION

Date & Time Arriving	
Date & Time Departing	
Method of Travel	

Details if you need to be met:-

MEALS INFORMATION

Number of 4-day Meals	
Number of 5-day Meals	
Individual Meals, day & No.	

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Will you help with any of the following on a limited time basis? When?

Sports?

Junior High Program?

Children's Program?

Child Care?

First Aid?

Clerical?

Communications?

Other?

Other?

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28th Session
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Representative Committee, August 12, 1974.

Alcohol, Illegal Drugs and Pets are not permitted at Pacific Yearly Meeting. Submission of this Registration indicates that all members of the attending froup have been made aware of this requirement.

MONTHLY MEETING BLOCK

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If the Monthly Meeting will be assisting in any of the costs of this registrant, please indicate the amount of this assistance which the registrar is not to assess the family. $ _____

As these participants in our Meeting travel from us to the Yearly Meeting, we send them in our loving care.

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Clerk

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Do you have trouble with stairs or elevator?

Do you need a ground floor room if elevator?

Do you need to be near the nursery?

Will you need to have a pet boarded?

Are you a non-smoker?

How many in your group eat only vegetarian?

Do you object to sharing a room?

Other?

Other?

COOPERATIVE NURSERY

This year Pacific Yearly Meeting will try to operate a Cooperative Nursery Program. The assistance of all is solicited!

Can you contribute time for child care?

If known, what hours would you be available?

If you cannot contribute time, you may contribute money to help with hiring child care. Indicate amount you are contributing? $_____

Remarks about anything:-

PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION BELOW FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE GROUP OR FAMILY OR INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL ATTEND THE 1974 PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING. *Include your own Name.*

	NAMES OF ATTENDERS			MEETING AFFILI-ATION	SEX	AGE	SCHOOL GRADE SEPT 1974	HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM	JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM	EARLY MORNING PROGRAMS			HOUSING YOU WANT			
	FIRST NAMES	LAST NAME	MID INITIAL							WORSHIP FELLOWSHP	UNPROGRA-MED GROUP	JR HIGH DIALOG	HIGH SCHOOL DORMITORY	FAMILY DORMITORY	CAMPING	DAY ATTENDING
FAMILY MEMBERS																
SPONSORED JUNIOR FRIENDS	*Name:-*															
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Friendly Women

On February 8, 9, and 10, fifty-five women from ages 18 to 76 gathered at Ben Lomond in a spirit of love, gentleness, and caring to share deep personal concerns both in large groups and in small groups. This retreat was requested by the women who attended women's sharing sessions last summer during PYM. The summer sharing sessions involved approximately 60 participants. Women then volunteered to coordinate midwinter retreats both in Northern and Southern California.

Grace Lou Oasinach secured Ben Lomond for the Northern retreat and took major responsibility for food and registration arrangements. Other women took responsibility for informing Meetings and individuals. All Meetings in PYM were notified of this retreat.

Topics for small group meetings arose from the total group at the first large meeting Friday evening. There was some concern and confusion on how "tight" or "loose" the structure should be, but by the end of the retreat calm prevailed. Small group topics included women's poetry and literature, mother-daughter/mother-son relationships, changing sexuality, older women–joys and sorrows, success in living, liberating the family unit. Other suggestions for another time included matriarchy, commitment to relationships, use of time–mother/work/self, women's religion, massage. In addition, women formed a volleyball team, danced and sang, and joined in a work project. All joined in three separate Meetings for Worship–the last being a truly gathered Meeting.

The experience of being together was so rewarding that another retreat is already being planned for the last part of June. A full week has been reserved at Ben Lomond.

BILLIE HAMILTON, *Co-Convenor*
Women's Subcommittee

Taxes and Giving

Each year we are faced with the inescapable task of whether to file an income tax form or not. The President has certainly given the world a demonstration about paying taxes and about the merit of giving, an attitude which is not wholly admirable. Each year it becomes more imperative to ask ourselves why we comply with the tax laws. What is reflected from our computations of Form 1040?

First–perhaps there is agreement that there are very few untainted sources of income. For whom do we work? What work do we perform? Is it needed? Is it useful? Does this work expand horizons? The job, does it make you less afraid? Are you released by this effort; does it release others or confine them?

Second–we give of our surplus. Now that you have an income: What becomes of it? How do you live? What are your expectations: Necessities, indulgences, luxuries? Who sets your way of life? You, or the media? Is it really necessary to spend $2,000 or $5,000 per year to send a child to college? Who reaps the benefits, parent or child? Is it, perhaps, time to allow the young to be educated without this burden of giving which has within certain self-destructive mechanisms: expectations?

There was a time when people tithed to their church when religion was an important part of daily life. Today few claims are made for the church which is most prominent in blessing or condoning the massive violence of our society: WW II, Korea, Southeast Asia. Now, when the church is form without social content, structure without life, rigidity without love, what do we do for our giving?

Third–we have the expectation of gain from giving. What happens to the income left after the withholding of taxes for governmental violence? Do you give (donate) as much as you pay by federal fiat? Are the gifts dependent upon tax deductibility? Do you give as much where there is no tax advantage? Do you give directly to people with no strings attached?

Fourth–Taxes are used to kill people. Is the federal state more concerned with life giving or death dealing? Because your resources can be levied, does it matter whether you voluntarily pay your taxes to the state? Does rendering unto Caesar relieve the individual from personal responsibility for the uses of tax money? There are jobs with withholding and self-employment; does it make any difference how long we hold onto our income?

Fifth–peace comes with giving all. Will peace come by continuing acceptance of taxes for killing? Is it more likely to come when we begin the process of being liberated from self and becoming less dependent upon governmental functions? Is there need to resist taxes? For torturing of prisoners, for the wars over the world, for the building of 1984 information storage banks, for supplying our present energy "needs" by nuclear reactors with their explosive radioactive potential which may be at the expense of our children's children, and for the establishment in California of a violence center to change the behavior of violent individuals: chemically, surgically, or by behavior modification?

What are we giving our lives for? It is always our choice. Don't blame the administration which gives us exactly that for which we pay.

SAMUEL R. TYSON
Delta Meeting

Budget-1974

It is time to begin the budget cycle for PYM 1974-1975. Officers of PYM and Clerks of Committees and of Subcommittees of Ministry and Oversight are requested to send in tentative estimates of their budget requirements for next year (the year beginning after PYM 1974).

It is realized that this may be difficult because of changing committee memberships and incomplete program plans. However, we would appreciate your best estimate now even though it may need to be revised later. Please send the estimate by June 15 to Harry H. Bailey, Clerk of PYM Finance Committee, 4010 Telegraph Road, Ventura, CA 93003.

HARRY H. BAILEY, *Clerk*
PYM Finance Committee

Bisexuality

The Committee of Friends on Bisexuality, formed at the 1973 Friends General Conference, in order to inform Friends about bisexuality and to discuss the implications of conscious bisexuality and of Quaker principles for bisexual living, welcomes members, correspondents and contributions from the West Coast. The Committee is not affiliated with Friends General Conference or any other Friends group, although it meets during the annual General Conference (in Ithaca, New York, this June). A Pacific branch of the Committee would also be encouraged. Contact Bob Martin, Clerk, P.O. Box 284, Hearndon, VA 22070.

BOB MARTIN, *Clerk*

About Me

Growing up . . .
And the ladies were my heroes.
Rita Hayworth,
Ginger Rogers, and . . .
ALL the queens.

But then,
After twenty-five years,
I became a Friend.
Well, a Quaker, anyway.

And John Woolman.
Who was he?
Did they make a movie?
Well, he must be important.
The Quakers tell me so.
But that's okay.
They leave my light alone.

See, they don't know about the queens.
The queens who created me, anyway.
And the others like me.
And who created this world . . .
And God.

God, Queen of the Universe.
Joan Bennett starred in the movie.
And Kim Novak did the remake,
I think.

GARY SHALLCROSS
Marloma

Intervisitation

When two Monthly Meetings camp together for a weekend, the bonds of fellowship, caring and togetherness are strengthened immeasurably and the spiritual depths are plumbed.

Members of Reno Meeting and Grass Valley Meeting experienced these outcomes last July in a three-day camping trip in Jackson Meadows. Nineteen adults, eight children and five dogs met at the reserved campground on Friday evening. We were lucky enough to have a campground with a large campfire circle, so after tents were pitched, supper eaten and dishes washed (even this can be fun when camping!), all gathered around the campfire for singing and toasting marshmallows and making 'S'mores. As the youngest ones were taken off to bed down in their tents, the oldsters lingered around the campfire for sharing and communing with nature under the star-studded heavens.

Part of the success of our camping venture was the unplannedness of meals and program. Each family planned their own menus and brought food accordingly. Mealtimes were planned for the same time, but each family prepared its food on "its" table. Tables were arranged in one central place, and there was easy borrowing of those items left at home! One family had hearty soups; another had mouth-watering melons and vegetables from its garden; still another had ample alfalfa sprouts to share with the family who had forgotten to get salad stuffs into the ice chest. Days were spent hiking, swimming, boating, fishing, painting and sketching as each family, either individually or with other families, chose; but invariably we all came back to camp earlier than anticipated to share the "groupness" there.

Breaking camp on Sunday was difficult. Just as the disciple who wanted to stay on the mountaintop rather than return to the valley, each of us was reluctant to bring such a refreshing and meaningful experience to an end and as the cars departed, we promised each other that we would "do this again next summer."

EVELYN BURCHAM
Grass Valley

Schools Committee

The Pacific Yearly Meeting Schools Committee held its first meeting of the year at the Mid-Winter Fellowship of Southern California Quarterly Meeting. Two Friends Schools within the Yearly Meeting were represented–Pacific Ackworth in Temple City (K-8) and John Woolman School in Nevada City (9-12). Our discussion centered on the function of Friends Schools in the Society of Friends and the scholarship fund of the Yearly Meeting. John Woolman School, Pacific Ackworth, as well as the AFSC and some Yearly Meeting committees, have summer programs for Quakers. It was agreed that the Schools Committee would compile a summer calendar of events and distribute it to Friends. Attempts will be made to enlarge the scholarship fund of the Yearly Meeting.

CHARLES CRONINGER, *Clerk*
PYM Schools Committee

The Silent Quaker Meeting

A sequestered pool
In the thicketed woods
A slight wind ruffles and ripples
The surface . . . but soon
The wind calms
The dust specks settle to the bottom
The water becomes clear
And the glass surface steadies
For reflection.

The pool waits,
Expectant
Mirrors the beauty
Of the heavens

Receives small smooth
Pebbles . . . tossed from the edge
To the center
From which stretch out the
Ever-widening,
Unifying
Circles.

LOIS BAILEY
San Fernando

Errata

Due to an unavoidable error on the part of the Editor, page numbers for pages 53 through 56 inclusive were omitted prior to publication. The pages involved are those on which the registration information and forms appear for Pacific Yearly Meeting, 1974.

As Friends may have noted earlier in the volume year, the Bulletin pagination is now consecutive from issue to issue. This is being done in an effort to include in the September issue of each future volume year a supplement which can be removed from that issue and will serve as an index for the previous year.

Gatherings-1974

Intermountain Friends Fellowship
June 6 – June 9
Ghost Ranch
Abiquiu, New Mexico

North Pacific Yearly Meeting
July 11 – July 14
Fort Worden State Park
Port Townsend, Washington

Pacific Yearly Meeting
August 13 – August 17
Saint Mary's College
Moraga, California

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